

REMARKS

Original claims 1-23 are pending in the above-references patent application. No claims have been added, cancelled or amended. No new matter has been added.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Assignee has added a new Figure 2, and related specification. Basis for the additional figure and related specification can be found in the original specification and claims. No new matter has been added.

Claim rejections - 35 USC §102(e)

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Johnston et al. (USP 2003/0048487 A1). The Assignee respectfully submits Johnston does not anticipate the rejected claims.

Specifically, claims 1, 9, and 20 recite "said scan head moving along a second scanning direction," whereas Johnston does not teach or suggest "said scan head moving along a second scanning direction." The Examiner is kindly reminded that:

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. MPEP § 2131.01. Furthermore, the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as in the . . . claim. MPEP § 2131.01.

Since Johnston does not teach or suggest "said scan head moving along a second scanning direction," Johnston does not contain each and every element of the rejected claims and, therefore, does not anticipate independent claims 1, 9, and 20.

The Assignee respectfully submits in light of the foregoing that independent claims 1, 9, and 20 are allowable over Johnston. Because claims 2-8, 10-19, and 21-23 depend from allowable claims 1, 9, and 20, the Assignee submits they are also allowable. Assignee respectfully submits claims 1-23 are allowable, and respectfully requests they be allowed.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested. It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account 50-3703.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, Thomas A. Dougherty, at (720) 840-6162, if there remains any issue with allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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